

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

**DATE:** June 26, 2012

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on whether the U.S. Constitution should be amended to establish that only human beings, not corporations, are entitled to Constitutional rights, and money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact<br><input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$18,875	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	\$18,875	0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

Approval of this resolution will authorize an advisory referendum to be held on the 2012 Fall Election Day, November 6, 2012.

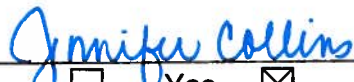
The 2012 Adopted Budget contained an increase of \$325,000 for the increase in ballots, election supplies, and services needed for 2012; however, it did not include additional funds for any countywide referendums. The cost of printing ballots and allocating those costs to municipalities is based on many factors, including the number of local elections versus the number of countywide elections. The Administrator of the Milwaukee County Election Commission estimates the following costs associated with placing a countywide referendum on the November 2012 ballot: \$8,376.60 for ballots (\$0.01 average cost per contest of each ballot; 837,660 ballots will be ordered for the November 6, 2012 election), \$3,568.98 in programming costs, and \$6,929.05 in advertising costs to announce the referendum, for a total cost of \$18,874.63.

For the purpose of this fiscal note, the estimate of approximately \$18,875 by Election Commission staff will be used as the additional cost to Milwaukee County if the advisory referendum were to be added to the ballot. Since these funds were not appropriated in the 2012 Budget, a transfer of funds from Org. 1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies or another available funding source would need to occur.

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Authorized Signature

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?



Yes

No

<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.